

# Proposition 130

Health and Safety Committee

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# Background

Statutory measure proposed by Advance Colorado, a conservative policy advocacy organization. Requires the state legislature to appropriate \$350M to the Peace Officer Training and Support Fund for grants to local law enforcement agencies.

Proposition 130  
(STATUTORY)

Yes/For  
147,185 votes  
43.76%

No/Against  
189,176 votes  
56.24%

Colorado Proposition 130		
Result	Votes	Percentage
Yes	1,583,118	52.79%
No	1,415,528	47.21%

# Proposition 130 Original Uses

- Increase annual pay for police, sheriff & other law enforcement officials
- Provide one-time hiring, retention or merit bonuses to attract, maintain or reward exceptional law enforcement officers
- Hire additional police or law enforcement officials to address specific geographic areas or specific types of criminal activity, including gang activity, drug cartels, human trafficking, stolen vehicle units, & drug interdiction at the state's borders & along the state's interstate highways
- Initial and continuing education for law enforcement including use of force training, restraint and non-lethal force training, physical fitness training or enhancement, post-secondary education advancement in criminal justice or other related areas of study, & other programs & disciplines that contribute to a comprehensive training & re-training of law enforcement officials in the state
- Money from the general fund as may be needed to pay the surviving spouse or children or estate of police, fire, or other first responders killed in the line of duty

# Senate Bill 25-310, C.R.S. 24-33.5-122

Joint Budget Committee bill. Repealed and reenacted Proposition 130, added more specific definitions, outlined funding mechanism and distribution formula for local law enforcement agencies, maintained the \$1M death benefit for family members of a first responder who dies in the line of duty.

“Permissible purpose” means the initial and continuing education and training for peace officers and the compensation of peace officers.

“Compensation” means pay to a newly hired, current, or rehired peace officer, reimbursement to a peace officer for tuition paid to attend a training academy, and bonuses paid to peace officers for hiring, rehiring, merit or retention.

# Funding Mechanism

The Joint Budget Committee created a "warrant" of \$500M for the Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA).

The funding will be invested by PERA and any earnings will increase the annual amount of funding available for distribution to local law enforcement agencies.

\$15M is the minimum amount of funding to be annually transferred to the Peace Officer Training and Support Fund.

# Funding Distribution

On or before December 15, 2026, and each December 15 thereafter, law enforcement agencies may submit a certification to the Colorado Department of Public Safety which shall include:

1. A resolution or ordinance adopted by the local government that confirms that the money will not be used to supplant other funding sources
2. Number of peace officers the local government has budgeted in the upcoming year
3. Total dollar amount the local government has budgeted for expenditure for a permissible purpose

# Distribution Formula

No later than December 31, 2026, and each December 31 thereafter, the Colorado Department of Public Safety shall annually disburse to each eligible law enforcement agency an amount equal to the base amount plus the total number of peace officers budgeted, multiplied by the peace officer adjustment.

- "Base amount" means \$15,000.00
- "Peace officer adjustment" means the funding amount the state treasurer transferred that year, minus the amount annually appropriated for the department's direct and indirect costs, minus the base amount multiplied by the number of eligible law enforcement agencies that year, divided by the total number of peace officers that eligible law enforcement agencies identified that year.

# Next Steps

Awaiting guidance from the Colorado Department of Public Safety.

The amount of funding available in the Peace Officer Training and Support Fund is somewhat dependent on annual PERA investment earnings.

Do not expect funding to be available until state fiscal year 2026-2027. If the minimum \$15M is transferred per year, fulfillment year will be reached around 2050.



# Questions?